GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT OF CORPORATE JET LINERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force is planning to procure private corporate jets for ferrying its VIP passengers;

(b) if so, whether negotiations with some countries are going on in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the cost thereof;

(d) whether the Indian Airforce has shown interest in buying three corporate jetliners to replace its 20-year old Boeing 737; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The Air Force is planning to procure six Executive Jets for carriage of V.I.P.

(b) Negotiations will commence when the lowest evaluated offer is determined.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Technical evaluation has been completed. Commercial offers of the shortlisted vendors have not yet been opened.